

Photon Detection

in Water and Scintillator Detectors

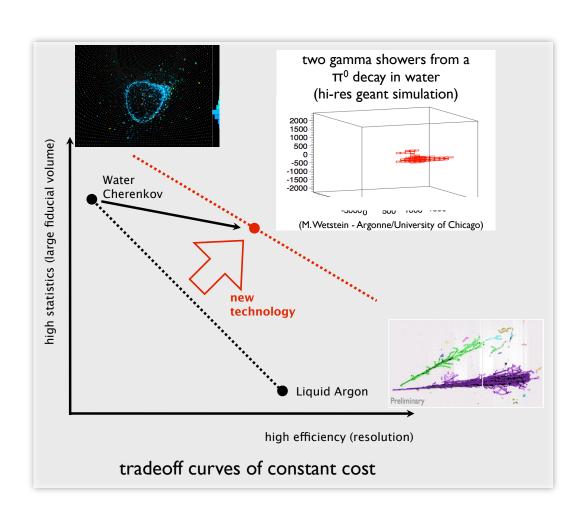
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Introduction

- Photodetectors are a (~80 year old) staple of particle physics
- Photodetection plays and will continue to play critical role in neutrino detectors
- Next generation neutrino experiments are testing the limits of size and cost.
- Advancing photosensor technology is a high-impact way to change technological and economic trade offs





Moving the Tech Forward

Improving how photosensors perform

- time resolution
- spatial granularity
- quantum efficiency/area coverage
- wavelength dependent response
- photon counting
- cost



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But also

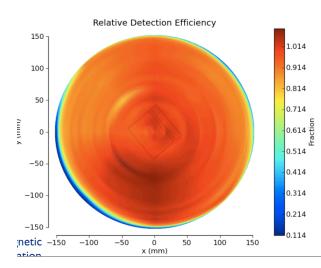
Improving how photosensors are used

- light collection
- precision single photon likelihoods (optical TPC)
- dual Cherenkov-scintillation systems (ASDC/THEIA)
- optical imaging (reflective/refractive geometries)



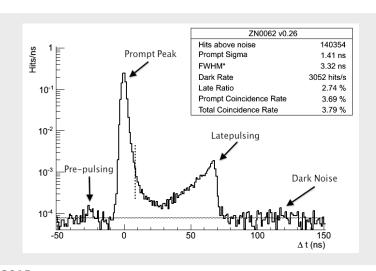
Many tubes discussed in LBNE talks:

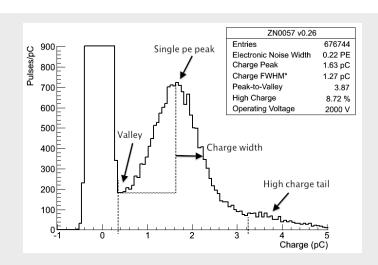
- •ET9354 ETL 8"
- •R7081 Hamamatsu 10"
- •XP1804 Photonis 12"
- •R11780 Hamamatsu 12"
- •R3600 Hamamatsu 20"



Hamamatsu R11780HQE were selected for the reference design

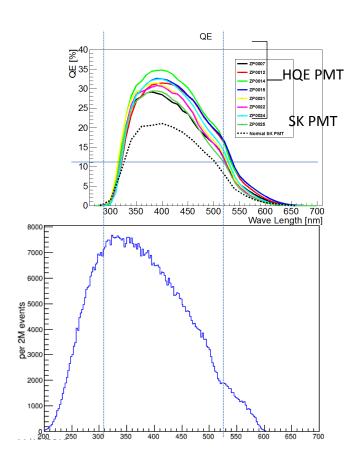
see: http://arxiv.org/abs/1204.2295



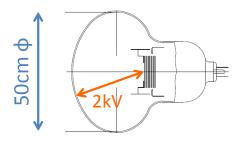




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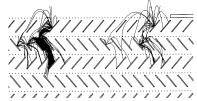
credit: F. Retière

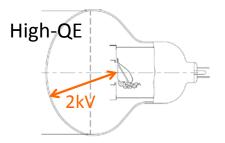


20" PMT (Venetian-Blind dynode)

- Super-K ID PMTs
- Used for ~20 years
 → Guaranteed
- Complex production→ Expensive

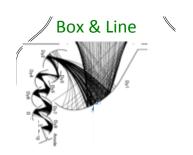
Venetian blind





20" Improved PMT (Box&Line dynode)

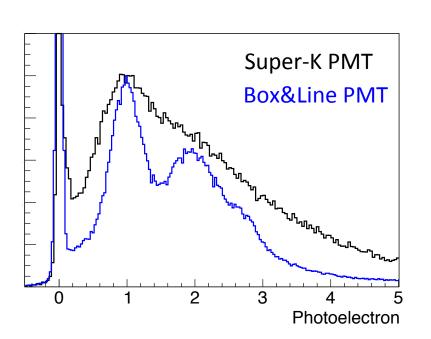
- Under development
- Better performance
- Same technology→ Lower risk

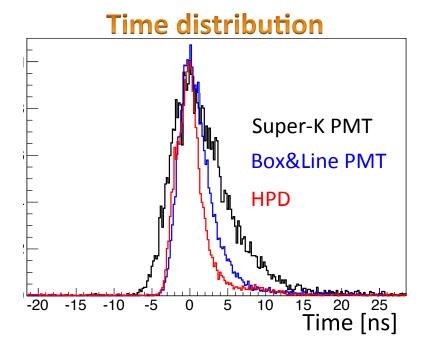






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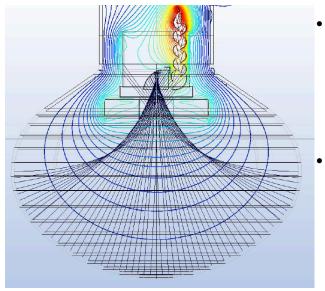




Box&Line PMTs have better collection efficiency, better photon counting, and better time resolution.

credit: Y. Nishimura (from ANT14)





- Develop capabilities of ADIT/ETL companies from Sweetwater Texas
 - Supported by NSF
 - Goal is the development of a US based manufacturer of large area PMTs
- Plan
 - 11" PMTs that could be used for HK veto
 - First prototypes summer 2014
 - Complete tests at Davis, Penn, Drexel by mid 2015

	unit	min	typ	max
photocathode: bialkali				
active diameter	mm		270	
active surface area	cm ²		800	
quantum efficiency at peak	%		30	
luminous sensitivity	μA/lm		70	
with CB filter		8	12 1	
with CR filter dynodes: 12LFSbCs			1	
anode sensitivity in divider A:				
nominal anode sensitivity	A/lm		500	
max. rated anode sensitivity	A/lm		2000	
overall V for nominal A/Im	V		1400	1800
overall V for max. rated A/Im	V		1550	
gain at nominal A/lm	x 10 ⁶		7	
dark current at 20 °C:				
dc at nominal A/Im	nA		20	200
dc at max. rated A/lm	nA		80	
dark count rate	s ⁻¹		20000	
pulsed linearity (-5% deviation)			20	
divider A divider B	mA mA		30 100	
pulse height resolution:	IIIA		100	
single electron peak to valley	ratio		2	
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New US option for PMTs. Option being explored by WATCHMAN collaboration.

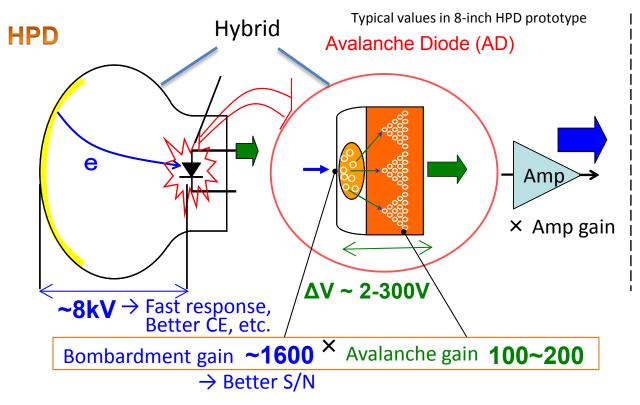
credit: R. Svoboda





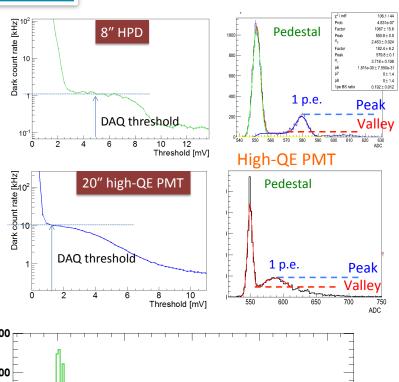
Hybrid Photodetectors

Hyper-K is exploring Hybrid Photodetectors (with solid state gain stages) as an alternative to conventional PMTs





HPDs



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	20" PMT	New 20" PMT	20" HPD
Gain	1×10^{7}	1×10 ⁷ 10 ⁴ ~	
C.E.	80%	93%	95%
T.T.S. (FWHM)	5.5ns	2.7ns	0.75ns*
P/V ratio@1p.e.	1.7	≥2.5	>3

* w/o Preamp

Estimated values

Spectral response		300 - 650 (420 max.) nm	
Photocathode		Bialkali	
Window material		Borosilicate glass	
Gain		4 - 9 x10 ⁴	
Time	Rise	1.7 ns	
	Fall	2.7 ns	
	T.T.S.	0.62 ns (σ)	
Dynamic range		100 pC (1.5x10 ⁴ p.e.) ₂₅	

Large Area MCP-PMT development in China

credit: Sen Qian (IHEP)

PMT requirement of JUNO

- LS volume: × 20 → for more statistics (40 events/day)
- Light (PE) × 5 → for better resolution (△M²₁₂/ △M²₂₃ ~ 3%)
 - ♦ Three types of high QE 20" PMTs under development:
 - Hammamatsu PMT with SBA photocathode
 - \Rightarrow A new design using MCP: 4π collection
 - ⇒ Photonics-type PMT

Requirement:

- High QE 20 inch PMT;
- Good SPE detection capability;
- Wide dynamic range;
- Low radioactive background;
- More than 20 years lifetime;
- Can withstand 0.4MPa Pressure;
- √ > 15000 pieces;



≥20" Hammamatzu PMT

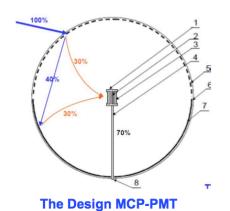


≥20" MCP- PMT



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The Prototype

- Small (33mm) MCPs as a compact gain stage.
- Novel combination of transmissive and reflective photocathodes, geometry and electron optics to increase QE.

PD = $QE_{Trans}^*CE + TR_{Photo}QE_{Ref}^*CE = 30\%*70\% + 40\%*30\%*70\% = 30\%$ Photon Detection Efficiency: 15% \rightarrow 30%; \times ~2 at least!

Testing prototypes with a variety of geometries and electron optics.



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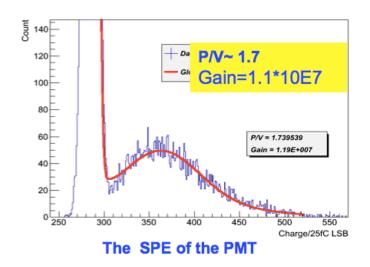
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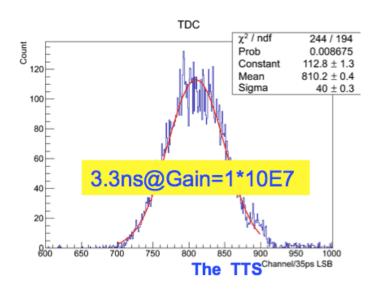
First 20" prototype



The Prototype

Now working on improvements to quantum efficiency and collection efficiency



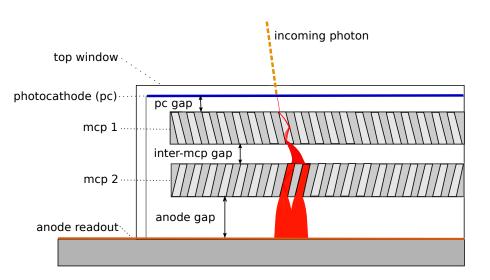


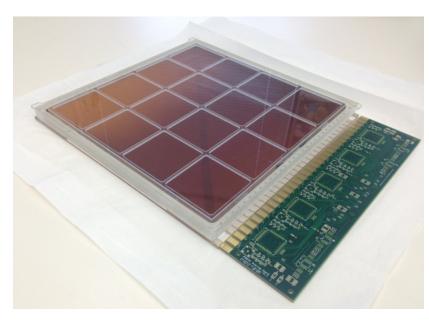


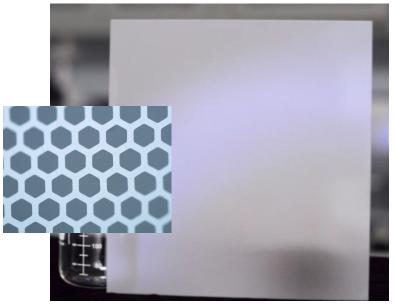
LAPPD project

The Large Area Picosecond Photodetectors (LAPPD):

- large, flat-panel, MCP-based photosensors
- 50-100 psec time resolutions and <1cm spatial resolutions
- based on new, potentially economical industrial processes.
- LAPPD design includes a working readout system.



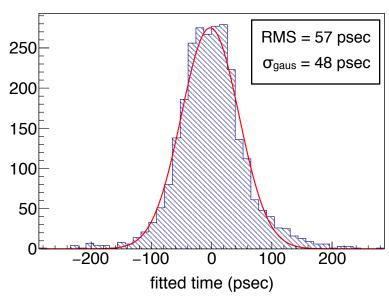


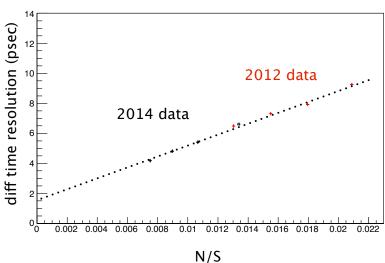




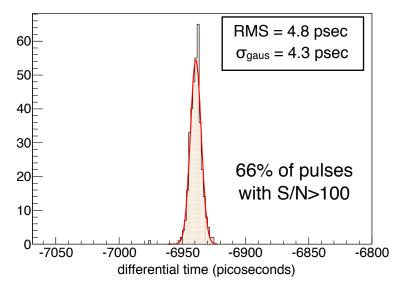
LAPPD capabilities

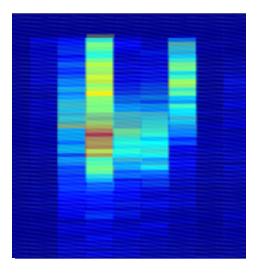
single photoelectron absolute time resolution





differential time resolution between 2 ends of stripline

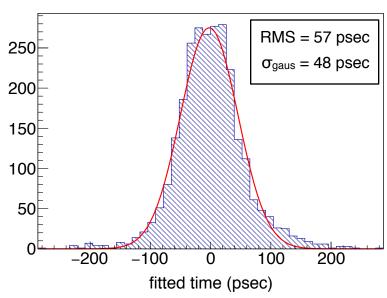


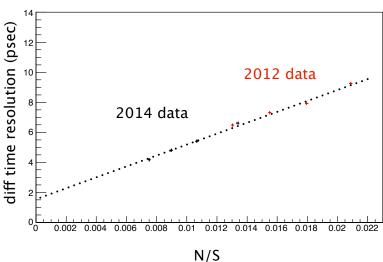




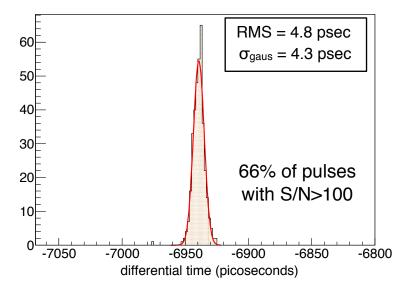
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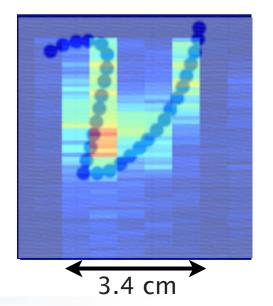
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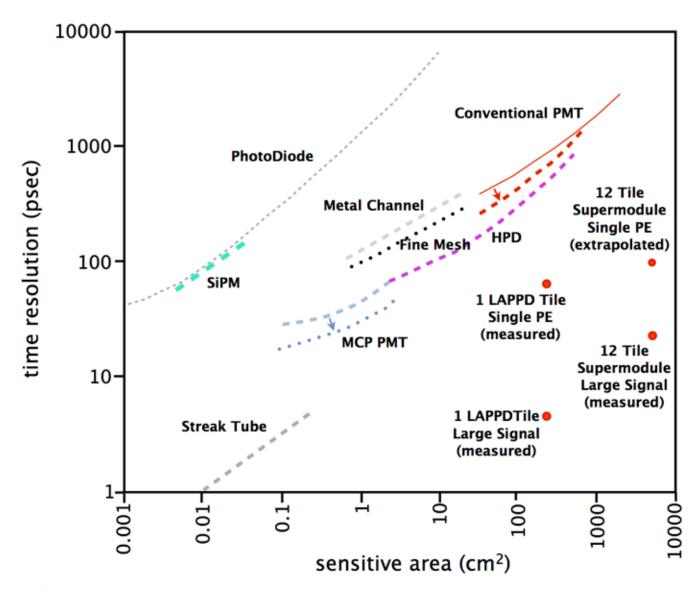
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LAPPD capabilities





LAPPD status

- \$3 M in STTR funding has been provided to Incom for commercialization of LAPPDs.
- Berkeley SSL: just funded to make a small number of tiles this year
- Argonne has successfully sealed small-format glass tiles (6 cm x 6 cm) using similar process and design
- U Chicago is commissioning an advanced fabrication facility, developing ways to lower cost and improve yields

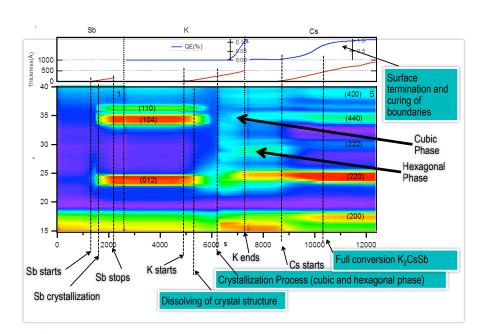




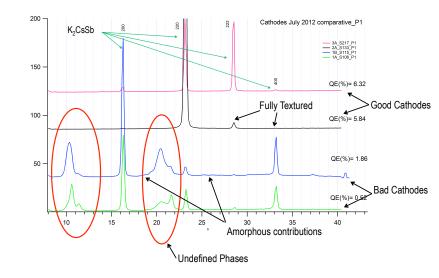
Generic Photocathode Research

Understanding of growth recipes

- Characterization tools are established which allows to visualize crystal growth and roughness during processing.
- Sb-metal melting process demonstrated.
- Rough cathode structure is most likely determined by stoichiometry conditions during processing.
- Understanding of p- n-dopants of cathode structures due to alkali deficiencies and surface termination.



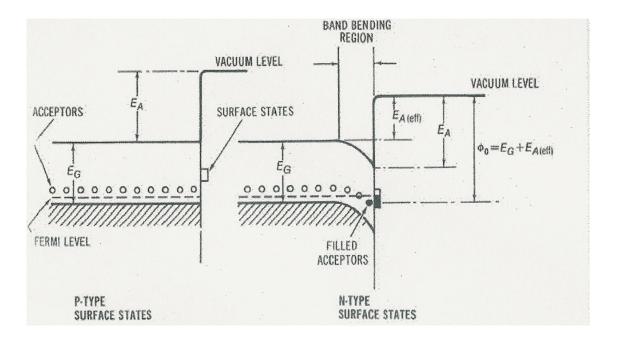
Photocathode work: John Smedley (BNL), Howard Padmore (LBNL), RMD, Henry Frisch (University of Chicago), Klaus Attenkofer (BNL)



Towards sputtering:

- Macroscopic amount of material can be produced (also allowing bulk measurements like mobility....)
- Target fabrication is successful
- Substitution dopant are under evaluation
- All hardware is currently designed and installed



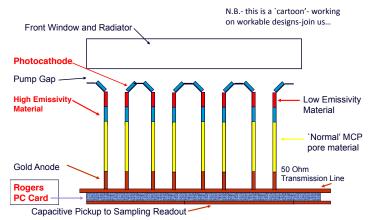


A Photocathode is a simplified "pn-junction":

- 1. Alkali deficiency in the "bulk" provides p-doping of the cathode (indication by XPS data)
- 2. Excess Cs on the surface creates a N-doped surface resulting in band bending and reduced work function (explains 0.7eV electron affinity)

Other interesting gain structures

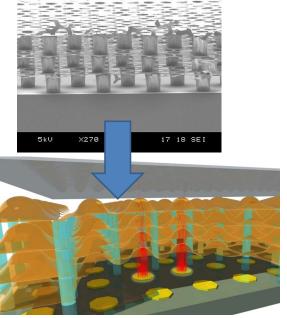
Funnel pore with reflection cathode, dynode rings, ceramic anode,...



Advanced channel plate concepts:

Funnel geometry with cathode on top surface. Structured coatings

credit: H Frisch (UC)



Tipsy principle

use pixel chip as 2D sensitive anode dynode stack above individual pixel set of closely spaced *transmission* dynodes

Similar to gaseous detector and micromegas

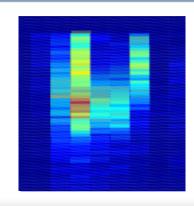
MEMs technology to fabricate layers of thin membranes

Harry Vandergraf, et al. See MCP workshop at ANL: https://indico.hep.anl.gov/indico/conferenceDisplay.py? confld=411



Spatial granularity/ Digital Photon Counting

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{\text{unhit}} (1 - P(i \text{ hit}; \mathbf{x})) \times \prod_{\text{hit}} P(i \text{ hit}; \mathbf{x}) \ f_q(q_i; \mathbf{x}) \ f_t(t_i; \mathbf{x})$$



with conventional PMTs

- Measure a single time-of-firstlight and a multi-PE blob of charge
- Likelihood is factorized into separate time and charge fits
- History of the individual photons is washed out

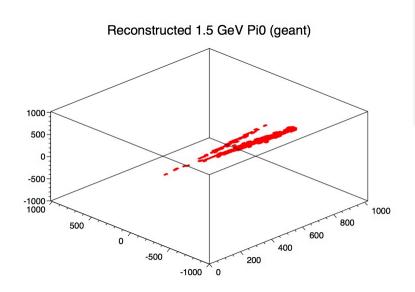
with hires imaging tubes

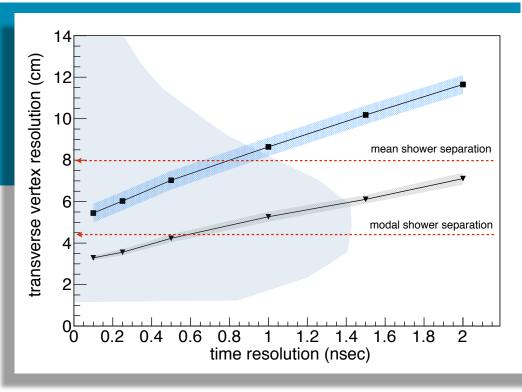
- Measure a 4-vector for each individual photon
- Likelihood based on simultaneous fit of space and time light
- one can separately test each photon for it's track of origin, color, production mechanism (Cherenkov vs scintillation) and propagation history (scattered vs direct)



Precision Timing

Timing can be used to reduce π^0 backgrounds on high-E beams



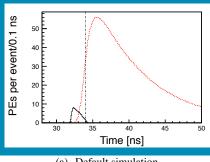


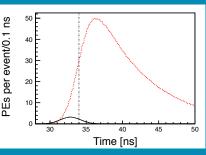
Time reversal algorithms ("working backwards") provide narrow down the details of the event.

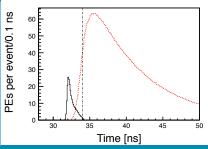


Cherenkov - Scintillation Hybrids

Timing to separate between Cherenkov and scintillation light







C. Aberle, A. Elagin, H.J. Frisch, M. Wetstein, L. Winslow. Measuring

Directionality in Double-Beta Decay and Neutrino Interactions with Kiloton-Scale Scintillation Detectors:

arXiv:1307.5813

(a) Default simulation.

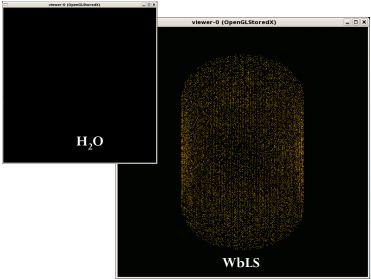
(b) Increased TTS (1.28 ns).

(c) Red-sensitive photocathode.

Cherenkov + scintillation -> tracking + calorimetry

> Detecting scintillation light as a means of seeing particles below Cherenkov threshold

K+ in water and liquid scintillator



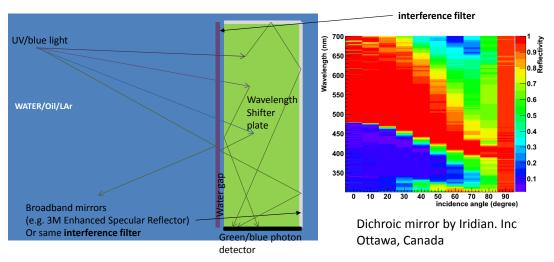
M. Yeh, et al (BNL)



Light Collection

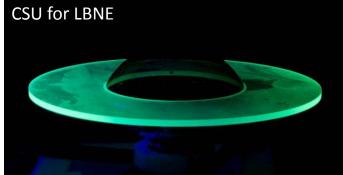
Light collectors can be used to improve collection area per PMT

- Winston cones:
 - significant improvement in coverage
 - isochronos
 - · but reduces fiducial volume
- Wavelength shifters
 - improves coverage
 - · but reduces time resolution reemits light
- Optical traps
 - · uses total internal reflection to trap light





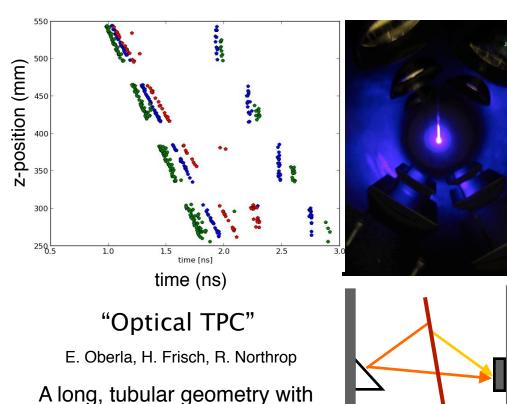


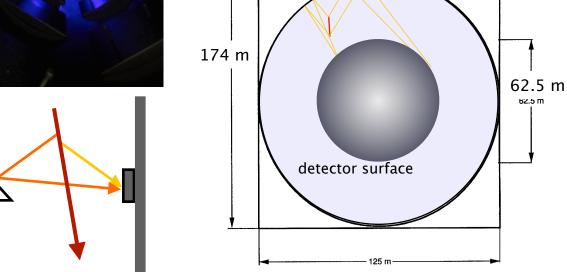




Imaging

It may be possible to increase light collection through imaging optics, mapping the light onto a smaller surface.





Aqua-RICH

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spherical reflector

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light back at MCPs.

mirrors reflecting Cherenkov

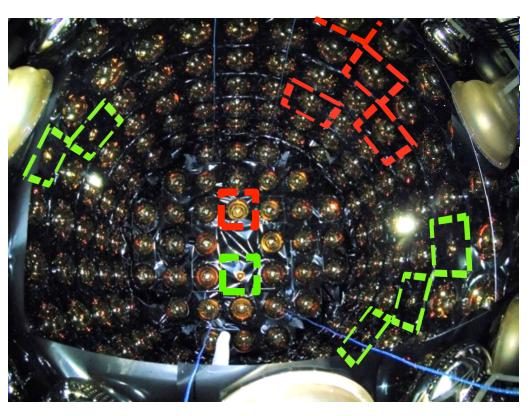


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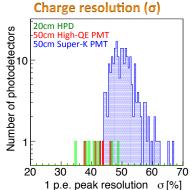


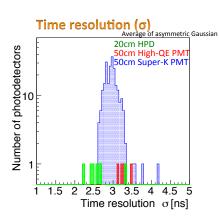
Evaluating Gadolinium's Action in Detectors

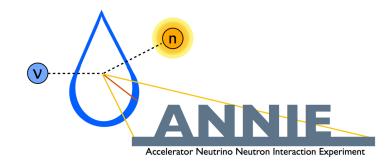
200 ton detector (240 PMTs) for studying technical issues involved in Gd-loaded water detectors.



Also, a test bed for studying the performance of conventional PMTs and HPDs under development for Hyper-K

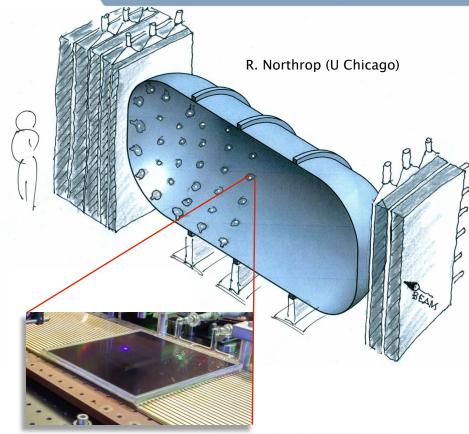






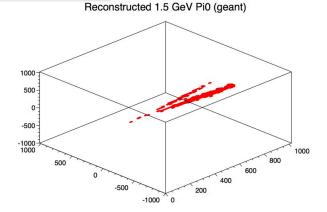
A high impact physics measurement:

- the abundance of final state neutrons from neutrino interactions in water
 - can help constrain neutrino-nucleus interaction models
 - an effective handle for signal/bkgd separation in a variety of physics analyses: PDK, wrong-sign identification, SN nuetrinos, etc



An important detector R&D project:

• first application of Large Area Picosecond Photodetectors (LAPPDs) in water-based neutrino detectors.







WATCHMAN -WATer CHerenkov Monitor of Anti-Neutrinos



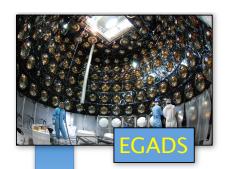
A demonstration of remote, neutrino-based reactor monitoring using a Gd-loaded WCh.

Will be the largest US SN neutrino detector.

Possible oscillation physics program in combination with IsoDar (cyclotron neutrino source).

An opportunity to test LAPPDs in a large scale detector, and with water-based liquid scintillator.







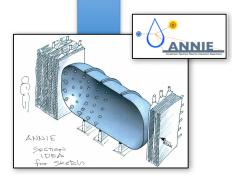
Water-based Liquid Scintillator



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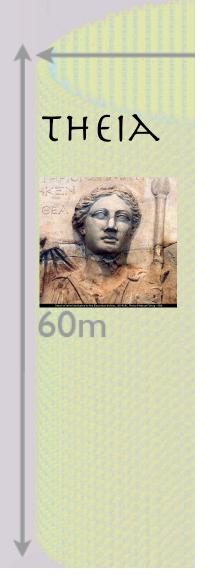
Gd loading and purification

neutron yield physics LAPPD fast timing



WbLS, Gd, LAPPD, HQE PMT full integration prototype







The "BIG" Picture

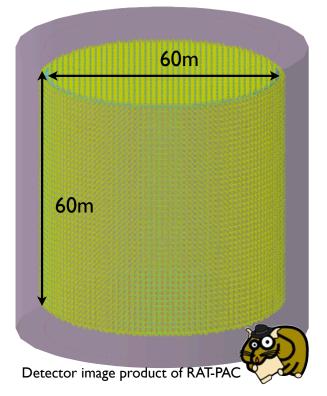
Over the next 5-10 years, it may be possible to develop new and advanced water and scintillator neutrino detectors concepts

These detectors can bring a much needed scale and physics diversity to neutrino experiments in the US and abroad.

THEIA

A key ingredient in advancing this technology is the development of advanced photosensors.

Modest investments in R&D and in small and medium scale experiments can go a long way in making this new technology happen.



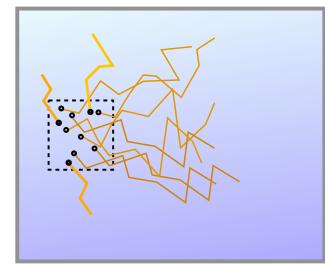
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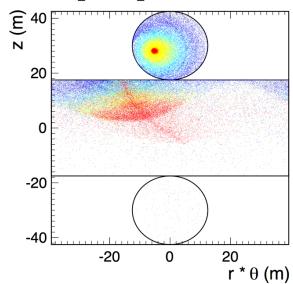
LAPPDs can provide the needed photodetector capabilities

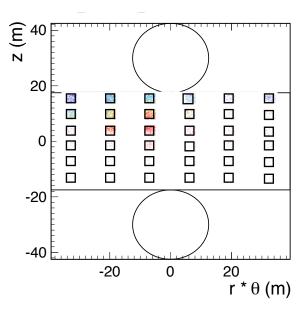
Timing based reconstruction to choose interaction points sufficiently far from the walls of the detector to stop the neutrons





EventView_testteset_hist





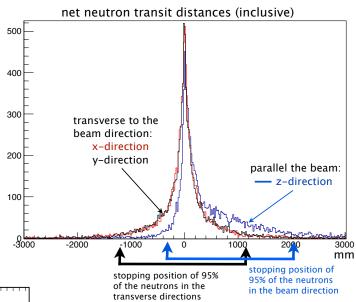
Fine granularity to help resolve Cherenkov coneedges

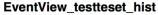


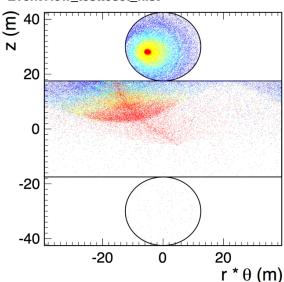


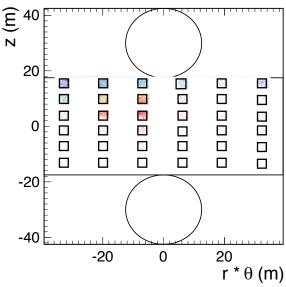
LAPPDs can provide the needed photodetector capabilities

Timing based reconstruction to choose interaction points sufficiently far from the walls of the detector to stop the neutrons



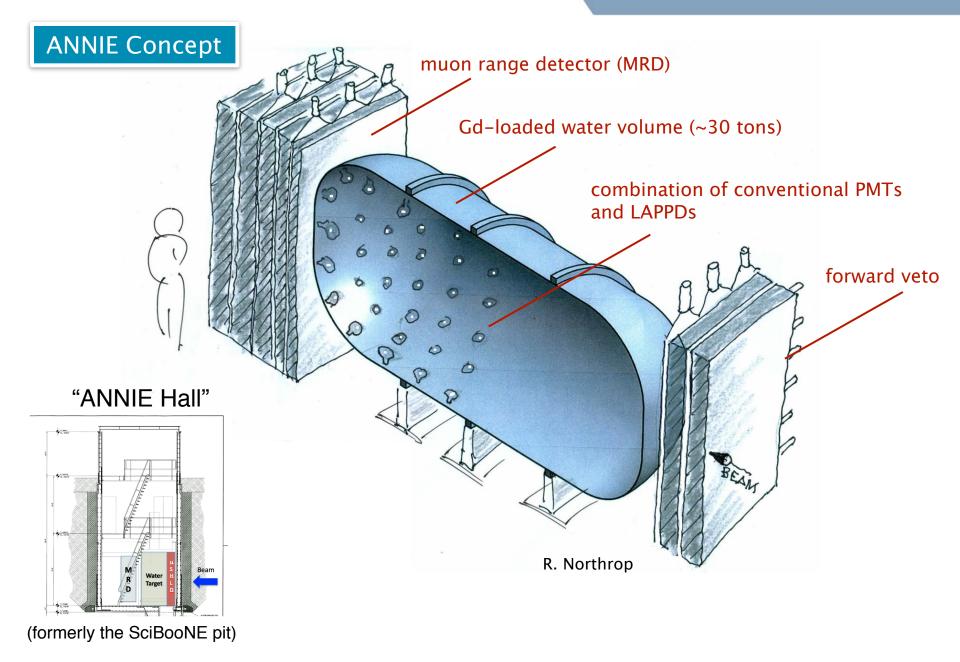






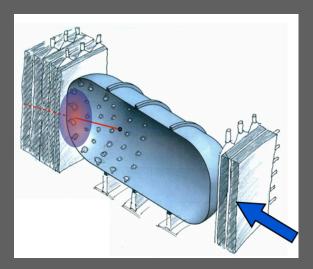
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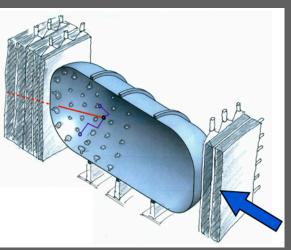


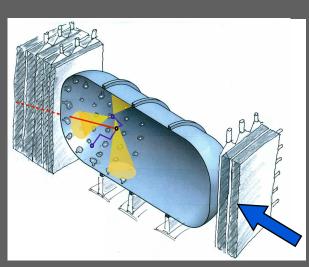


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ANNIE Concept





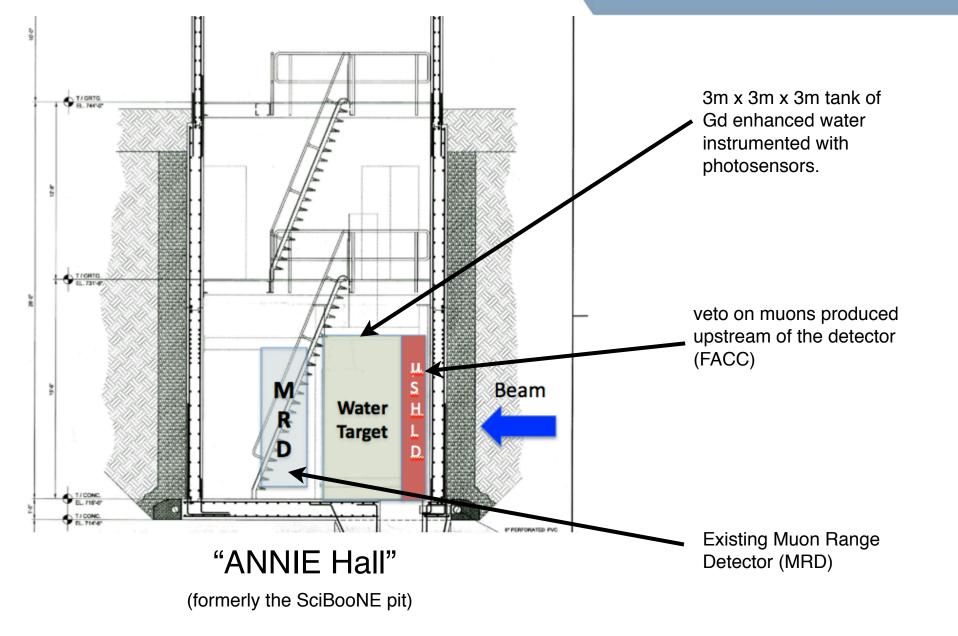


Prompt muon tracks through water volume, ranges in MRD

neutrons thermalize and stop in water

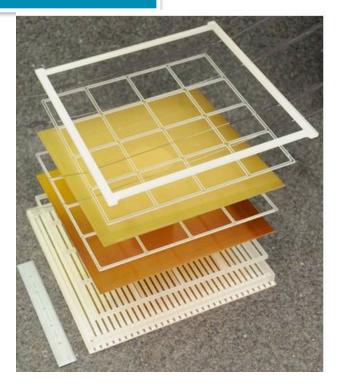
neutrons capture on Gd, flashes of light are detected







More on LAPPDs



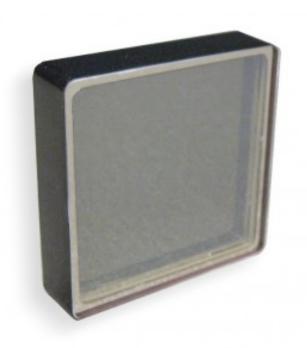


- •Thin-films on borosilicate glass
- Glass vacuum assembly
- Simple, pure materials
- Scalable electronics

LAPPD detectors:

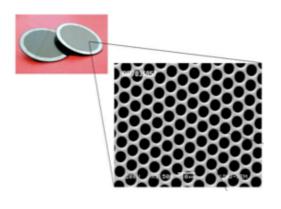
Designed to cover large areas

- •Conditioning of leaded glass (MCPs)
- Ceramic body
- •Not designed for large area applications





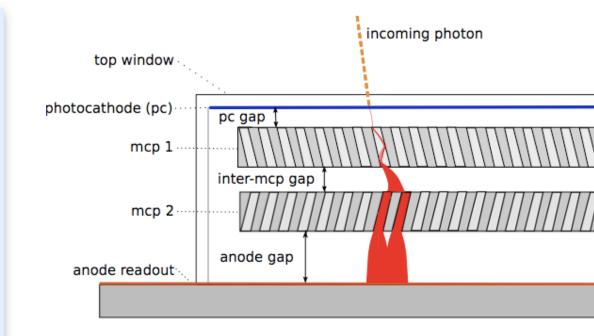
What is an MCP-PMT?



Microchannel Plate (MCP):

- a thin plate with microscopic (typically <50 μm) pores
- pores are optimized for secondary electron emission (SEE).
- Accelerating electrons accelerating across an electric potential strike the pore walls, initiating an avalanche of secondary electrons.

- An MCP-PMT is, sealed vacuum tube photodetector.
- Incoming light, incident on a photocathode can produce electrons by the photoelectric effect.
- Microchannel plates provide a gain stage, amplifying the electrical signal by a factor typically above 10⁶.
- Signal is collected on the anode





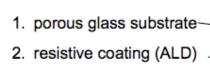
Our Approach

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pore

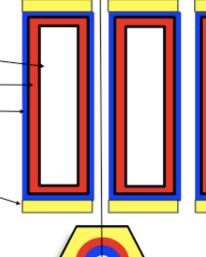
Conventional MCP Fabrication

- Pore structure formed by drawing and slicing lead-glass fiber bundles. The glass also serves as the resistive material
- Chemical etching and heating in hydrogen to improve secondary emissive properties.
- Expensive, requires long conditioning, and uses the same material for resistive and secondary emissive properties. (Problems with thermal run-away).



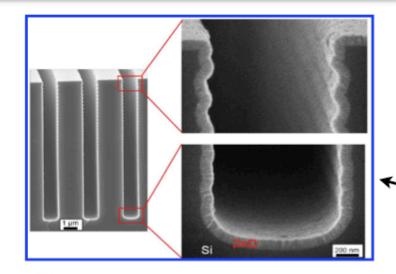
3. emissive coating (ALD) -

 conductive coating (thermal evaporation or sputtering)





- · Separate out the three functions
- Hand-pick materials to optimize performance.
- Use Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD): a cheap industrial batch method.
 - ALD is diffusive, conformal and allows application of material in single atomic monolayers

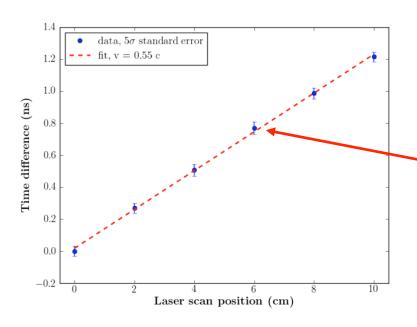




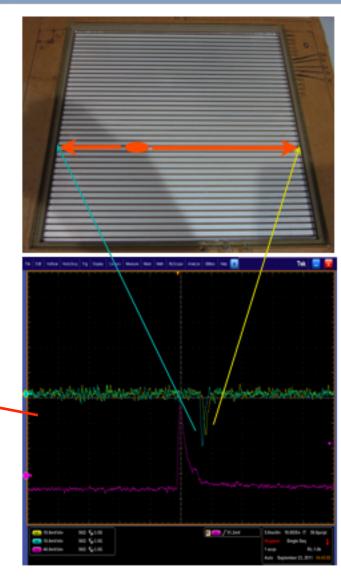
Anode Design: Delay Lines

Channel count (costs) scale with length, not area Position is determined:

- •by charge centroid in the direction perpendicular to the striplines
- •by differential transit time in the direction parallel to the strips

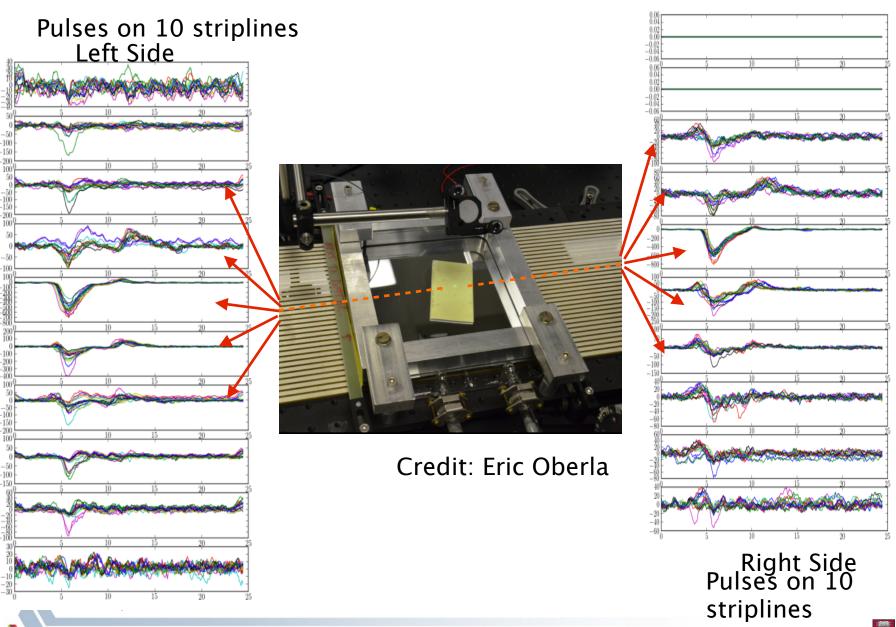


Slope corresponds to ~2/3 c propagations speed on the microstrip lines. RMS of 18 psec on the differential resolution between the two ends: equivalent to roughly 3 mm

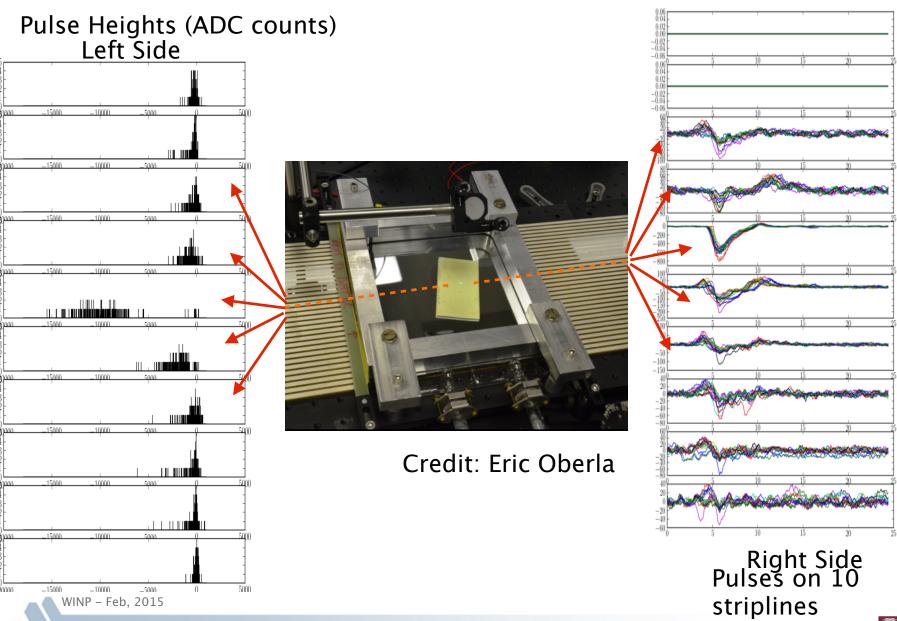


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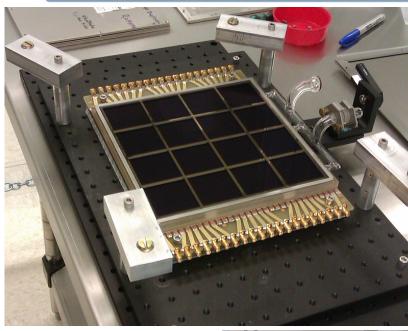


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LAPPD (Standard of Applitude (ADC counts) -500 -500 left right

Time (ns)



 LAPPD Goal of building a complete detector system, including even waveform sampling front-end electronics

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 Now testing near-complete glass vacuum tubes ("demountable detectors") with resealable top window, robust aluminum photocathode



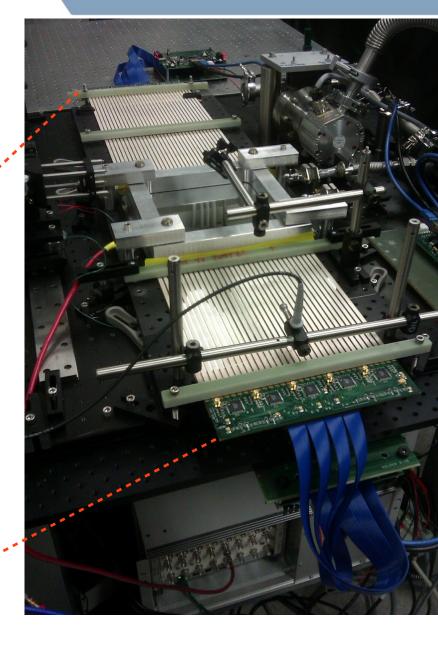




"SuMo Slice"

We are now testing a functional demountable detector with a complete 80 cm anode chain and full readout system ("SuMo slice").







Front-end Electronics

Psec4 chip:

- CMOS-based, waveform sampling chip
- 17 Gsamples/sec
- ~1 mV noise
- 6 channels/chip



Analog Card:

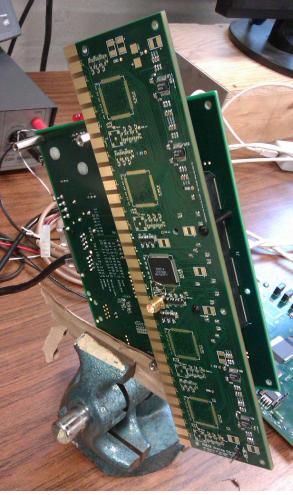
- Readout for one side of 30-strip anode
- 5 psec chips per board
- Optimized for high analog bandwidth (>1 GHz)

Digital Card:

 Analysis of the individual pulses (charges and times)

Central Card:

 Combines information from both ends of multiple striplines



Full Track Reconstruction: A TPC Using Optical Light?

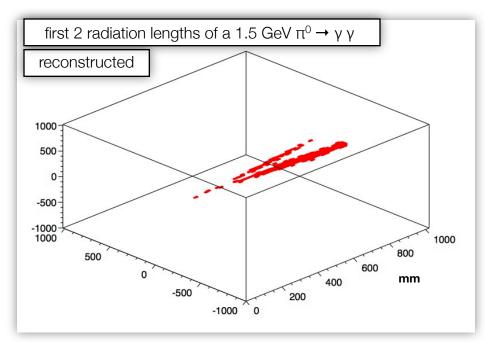


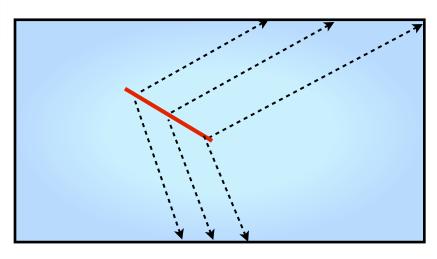
Image reconstruction, using a causal "Hough Transform" (isochron method)

(see ANT13 LAPPD talk) (see ANT13 mTC talk)

"Drift time" of photons is fast compared to charge in a TPC!

~225,000mm/microsecond

Need fast timing and new algorithms





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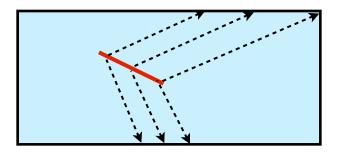
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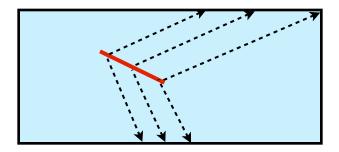
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Acceptance and coverage are important, especially at Low E. Is there any way we can boost this number? Scintillation? Chemical enhancement

This necessitates **fast** photodetection. It also requires **spatial resolution commensurate** with the time resolution.

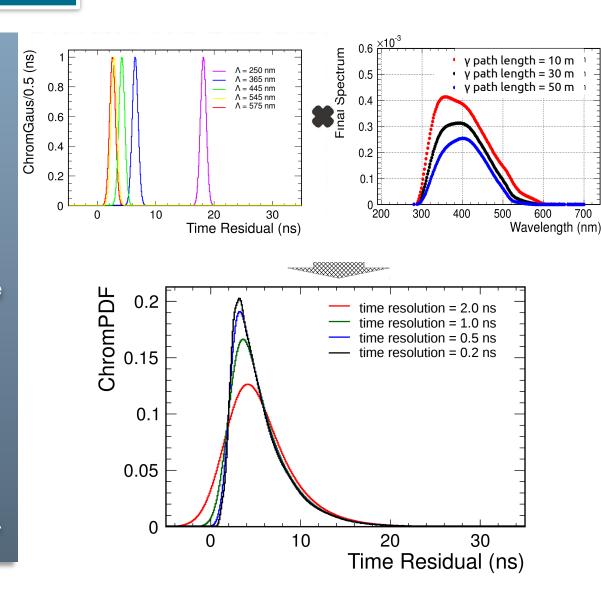
This presents some reconstruction challenges, but not unconquerable.

Appropriate reconstruction techniques are needed.



"Simple Vertex" Reconstruction

- A timing residual-based fit, assuming an extended track.
- Model accounts for effects of chromatic dispersion and scattering.
 - separately fit each photon hit with each color hypothesis, weighted by the relative probability of that color.
- For MCP-like photon detectors, we fit each photon rather than fitting (Q,t) for each PMT.
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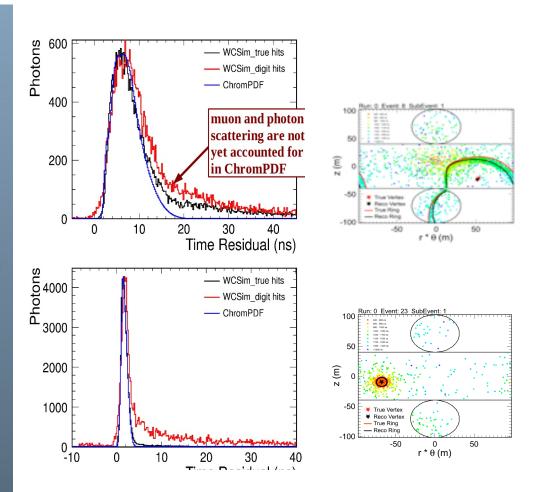


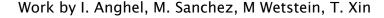
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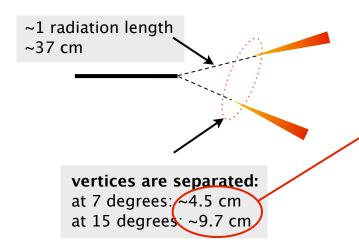




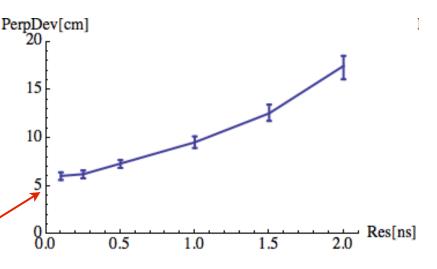


Simple Vertex Reconstruction

- Transverse component of the vertex (wrt to track direction) is most sensitive to pure timing since T0 is unknown.
- Separating between multiple vertices depends on differential timing (T0 is irrelevant)
- We study the relationship between vertex sensitivity and time resolution using GeV muons in water. This study is performed using the former LBNE WC design, with 13% coverage and varying time resolution.
- Transverse vertex reconstruction is better than 5 cm for photosensor time resolutions below 500 picoseconds.



Optical TPCs are scalable to 100s of kilotons

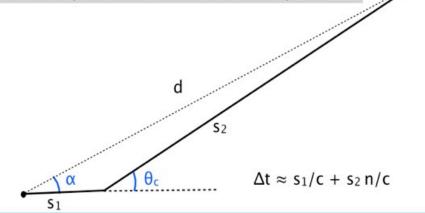


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Isochron

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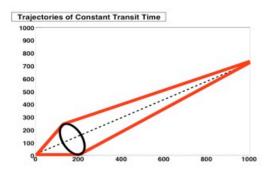
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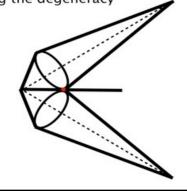
but there are two constraints:

$$s_1 + s_1 = d$$
 and $\Delta t_{measured} = s_1/c + s_2 n/c$

For a single PMT, there is a rotational degeneracy (many solutions).



But, multiple hits from the same track will intersect maximally around their common emission point, resolving the degeneracy

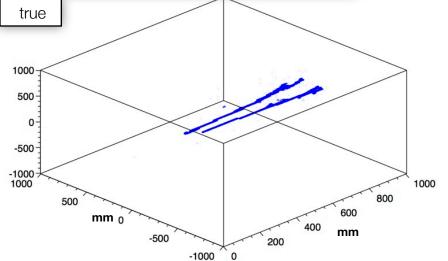


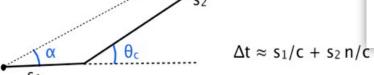
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first 2 radiation lengths of a 1.5 GeV $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

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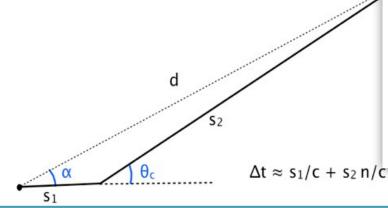
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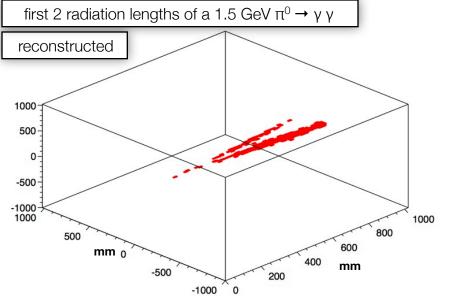


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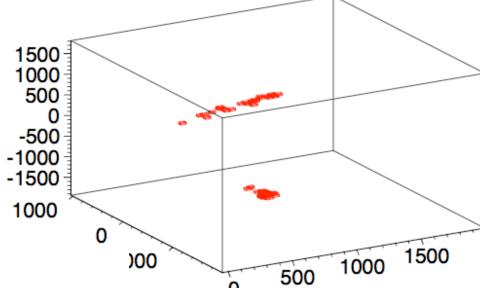


Could be useful for full pattern-fitting approached by providing a seed topology and restricting the phase space of the fit.

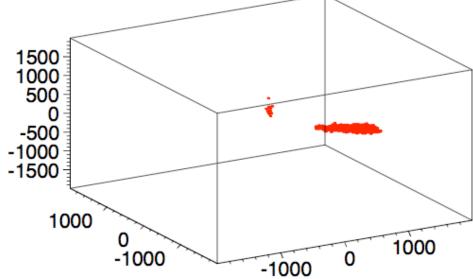
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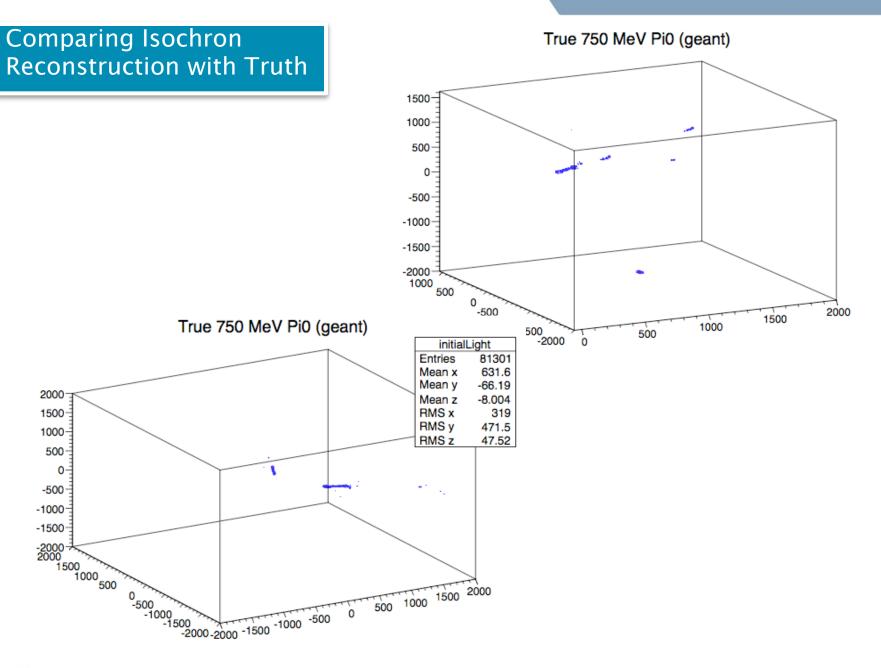
Comparing Isochron Reconstruction with Truth

Reconstructed 750 MeV Pi0 (geant)



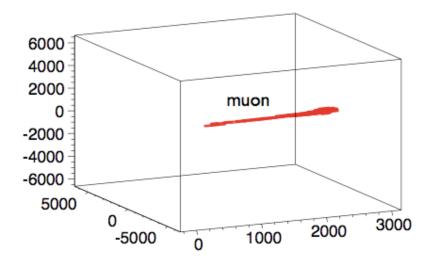
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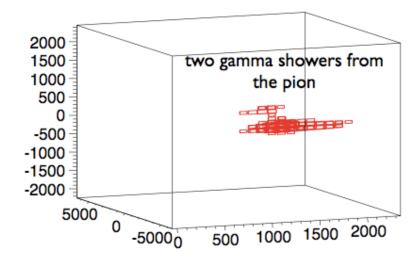


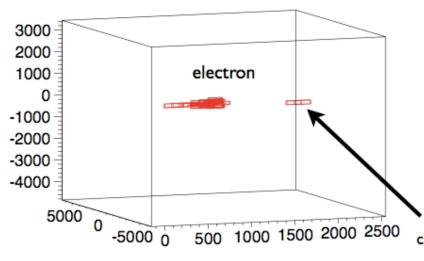




Reconstructing Geant Events







check out the detached shower from the bremstrahlung!!!

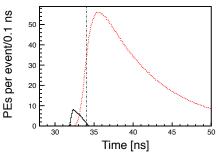


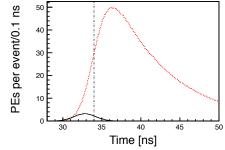
Optical TPC with scintillator

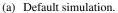
Optical TPC concept is more general than pure Cherenkov.

It may be possible to use timing to separate between Cherenkov and scintillation light in liquid scintillator volumes, capitalizing of the advantages of each separately.

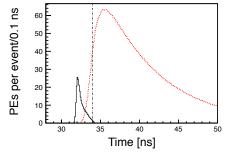
One can use the scintillation light for low E sensitivity. And the Cherenkov light for directionality.







(b) Increased TTS (1.28 ns).



(c) Red-sensitive photocathode.

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